THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Rs. 70.74 crores in 1990-91.

(b) Yes, Sir. This is an ongoing continuous exercise.

Yatri Niwases run by Railways

*92. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Yatri Niwases which are run by Railways;

(b) what is the purpose of running these Niwases;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government propose to private these Niwases; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Two.

(b) To provide accommodation to passengers for short stay.

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

(d) Does not arise.

Distribution of Telugu Ganga Waters

*93. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the project costing Rs. 600 crores to ensure the storage treatment and distribution of the Telugu Ganga waters in and around Madras is pending for early clearance by the World Bank; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SHEILA KAUL): (a) and (b) A project costing Rs. 505 crores for the supply of drinking water to Madras and surrounding areas prepared by the State Government is under consideration of the Government of India. Roughly Rs. 300 crores of the project cost is expected to be funded through World Bank assistance.

The project will make available 400 mld of water from the Krishna river in terms of the agreement between the States of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra.

Subsidy for purchase of apples

*94. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have promised to give subsidy to the Himachal Pradesh Government for the purchase of apples;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this subsidy is likely to be given ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) to (c) No, Sir, However, Central Government is operating a Market Intervention Scheme in apples in Himachal Pradesh to ensure reasonable prices to the farmers immediately after the harvest when there are peak arrivals of apples in the market. The scheme is implemented on receipt of a request from the Government of Himachal Pradesh and the losses in the operations are shared equally between the Central and the State Government.

दिल्ली और जबलपुर के बीच तेज रफ्तार रेलगाड़ी

*95. **श्रीमती रत्न कुमारी :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दिल्ली से जबलपुर के बीच एक तेज रफ्तार रेलगाड़ी चलाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और

(ख) यदि नहीं तो दिल्ली तथा जबलपुर के बीच चलने वाली मौजूदा रेलगाड़ी

में सरकार कौन-कौन सी अतिरिक्त सुविधायें प्रदान करने का विचार रखती है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) हजरत निजामुद्दीन और जबलपुर के बीच चलने वाली 1449/1450 महाकौशल एक्सप्रेस में मेल/एक्सप्रेस गाड़ी की सभी सुविधायें उपलब्ध हैं ।

Failure of Technology Mission on Oilseeds

*96. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Technology Mission on Oilseeds has failed in its basic objectives;

(b) whether the projections tendered by this Mission have been far offi the achievements during 1989-90 and 1990-91 resulting in a huge foregin exchange loss due to the import of edible oils; and

(c) what is the present status of this Mission ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The target for production of oilseeds in 1989-90 was 165 lakh tonens against which the achievement was 167.5 lakhs tonnes. For 1990-91, the target for oilseeds production was 180 lakh tonnes against which an all time record production of 191 lakh tonnes was achieved. There has been a downward trend in the import of edible oils. Export of oilseeds, extractions and oils have, on the other hand, increased rapidly. The oilseeds sector has become a substantial net foreign exchange earner to the extent of about Rs. 886 crores and Rs. 658 crores in 1989-90 and 1990-91 respectively.

(c) Government has approved the continuation of the activities of the Technology Mission on Oilseeds during the 8th Plan period.

Rehabilitation of families displaced in the wake of setting up of Rourkela Steel Plant

*97. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of families which were displaced in the wake of setting up of Rourkela Steel Plant in 1958, still await rehabilitation; if so, the details thereof indicating their number;

(b) what are the reasons of the failure of the authorities concerned to rehabilitate all the oustees; and

(c) what measures Government now propose to take to complete the task and by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (c) No. Sir. The rehabilitation of the displaced families, which was the responsibility of the State Government, is reported to have been done in house sites in resettlement colonies of Jalda and Jhirpani. Compensation for the acquired lands has also been paid and alternative lands allotted.

Aginst a total number of 4254 families displaced in connection with the establishment of the Rourkela Steel Plant and allied Mandira Dam and Quarries, RSP have already provided employment to 4924 displaced persons.

If specific cases warranting further action are reported, Government would take necessary steps to ensure their further rehabilitation.